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Resolution: Graduate Student Representation on the Faculty Senate

Submitted by: SEC

6/8/2011

Motion:

“That one representative of the Graduate Student Organization serve on the Faculty Senate from August 1, 2011, until July 31, 2012, while a Presidential Committee on Revisions of the Statutes considers recommending this amendment to the Statutes.”

Rationale:

Senate Response:

Graduate Student Representation on the Faculty Senate. Clara Krug (CLASS) Senate Moderator introduced a resolution about Graduate Student Representation on the Faculty Senate. She explained that Provost Moore and Vice President Charles Patterson had asked about the efforts of the College of to create a Graduate Student Organization. “They thought it would be beneficial to include a graduate student from that organization as a member of the Faculty Senate. Currently, the Statutes provide for a student representative and that student has been in an undergraduate could be a graduate student because some graduate students serve on the Student Government Association, but the thought would be that there would be an additional student. So, there’d be two students who would have voting privileges.”

The motion reads: "That one representative of the Graduate Student Organization serve on the Faculty Senate from August 1, 2011, until July 31, 2012, while a Presidential Committee on Revisions of the Statutes considers recommending this amendment to the Statutes."

Moderator Krug noted that it is "required that there be a Presidential Committee if there is going to be an amendment to the Statutes. The Senate Executive Committee members at our meeting on Friday indicated that there is other wording that you will probably be changed in the Statutes. There have been developments over time and we have not reviewed the Statutes. So it might be that there would be additional changes, but at the minimum that committee would consider recommending this amendment to the Statutes as it regards Graduate Student" representation and membership.

Dick Diebolt (COGS) expressed the support of the College of Graduate Studies. "When we look at the SGA website right now, we find that there are five graduate students who are listed on that website. We [also] find that one student has graduated, three are proposed to graduate this summer, and one student is remaining," leaving the graduate students with too little representation.

Caren Town (CLASS) asked for confirmation that the SGA representative that attends the meetings of the Faculty Senate is typically the President. Moderator Krug confirmed that the statutes only state that it must be a "student representative," but that it was almost always the President or Vice President.

The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.